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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on October 26, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the response period for the outstanding Office Action mailed July 26, 2006 due October 26, 2006, be extended one (1) month under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to November 26, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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